

C. SUICIDE

As with stigmatized groups generally, it is to be expected that suicide rates would be higher among male homosexuals and lesbians than among the population at large. Owing in part to the fact that the details are often not adequately recorded, it has been difficult to obtain adequate data on the specific character of gay suicide, despite the belief that homosexuals are prone to end their own lives because of the intolerable burdens that society imposes on them.

4608. ANTHEAUME, ANDRÉ, and PARROT (eds.). "Un cas d'inversion sexuelle," **Annales médico-psychologiques** (May 1905), 459-72.

Letter of a despondent homosexual who committed suicide. Reprinted in **Masques**, 3 (1979-80), 88-93.

4609. BADEN, HANS JURGEN. **Literatur und Selbstmord**. Stuttgart: Klett, 1965. 229 pp.

In this study of literature and suicide, see pp. 91-146 on the novelist Klaus Mann, who killed himself in 1949.

4610. FONTANIE, PIERRE. "Suicide et homosexualité," **Arcadie**, no. 314 (February 1980), 108-13; no. 315 (March 1980), 176-83.

Review of noted male and female homosexuals who have attempted or actually committed suicide, followed by a critique of contemporary social pressures that aggravate the problem.

4611. HAZLEWOOD, ROBERT K. et al (eds.). **Autoerotic Fatalities**. Lexington, MA: Lexington Books, 1983. 208 pp.

On apparently accidental deaths that are caused by asphyxiation for sexual stimulation; includes several homosexual cases. See also: H. L. Resnik, "Eroticized Repetitive Hangings: A Form of Self-Destructive Behavior," **American Journal of Psychotherapy**, 26 (1972), 4-21.

4612. HENDIN, HERBERT. **Black Suicide**. New York: Basic Books, 1969.

This psychoanalytical work contains a chapter "Suicide and Male Homosexuality." See also his: "Black Suicide," **Archives of General Psychiatry**, 21 (1969), 407-22.

4613. ROFES, ERIC E. **Lesbians, Gay Men and Suicide**. San Francisco: Grey Fox Press, 1983. 162 pp.

Sympathetic study focusing attention on an important problem of gay self-oppression, discussing interactions with blackmail--real or feared--and alcoholism. Contends that social stigmatization places an added burden on the normal stresses of everyday life.

4614. SCHUMANN, HANS-JOACHIM VON. **Homosexualität und**

